

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A positive electrode material for non-aqueous electrolyte lithium ion battery, comprising:
  - an oxide containing lithium and nickel; and
  - a lithium compound deposited on a surface of the oxide, the lithium compound covering nickel present on the surface of the oxide,
  - the lithium compound comprising at least one selected from the group consisting of ~~lithium phosphate~~, lithium phosphorus oxynitride (LiPON),  $\text{Li}_2\text{O-B}_2\text{O}_3$  compound,  $\text{Li}_2\text{O-B}_2\text{O}_3\text{-LiI}$  compound,  $\text{Li}_2\text{O-SiS}_2$  compound,  $\text{Li}_2\text{S-SiS}_2\text{-Li}_3\text{PO}_4$  compound, lithium hydroxide, lithium acetate, lithium acetylide-ethylenediamine complex, lithium benzoate, lithium carbonate, lithium fluoride, lithium oxalate, lithium pyruvate, lithium stearate, lithium tartrate, lithium bromide, lithium iodide,  $\text{Li}_2\text{S-SiS}_2$ , lithium sulfate.
2. (Original) A positive electrode material according to claim 1,
  - wherein, when the lithium compound is deposited to cover substantially an entire surface of the oxide, thickness of a cover layer of the lithium compound ranges from 5 nm to 1  $\mu\text{m}$ .
3. (Previously Presented) A positive electrode material according to claim 1,
  - when the lithium compound is deposited to sprinkle on the surface of the oxide, a volume of the lithium compound ranges from 0.5 to 10 % with respect to that of the positive electrode active material.
4. (Canceled)
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6. (Previously Presented) A non-aqueous electrolyte lithium ion battery, comprising:  
a positive electrode active material layer comprising a positive electrode material according to claim 1;  
a negative electrode active material layer comprising a negative electrode active material; and  
an electrolyte layer disposed between the positive and negative electrode active materials layers.

7-10. (Cancelled)

11. (New) A positive electrode material according to claim 1,  
wherein the lithium compound comprises at least one selected from the group consisting of lithium phosphorus oxynitride (LiPON),  $\text{Li}_2\text{O-B}_2\text{O}_3$  compound,  $\text{Li}_2\text{O-B}_2\text{O}_3\text{-LiI}$  compound,  $\text{Li}_2\text{O-SiS}_2$  compound,  $\text{Li}_2\text{S-SiS}_2\text{-Li}_3\text{PO}_4$  compound, lithium acetate, lithium acetylide-ethylenediamine complex, lithium benzoate, lithium carbonate, lithium fluoride, lithium oxalate, lithium pyruvate, lithium stearate, lithium tartrate, lithium bromide, lithium iodide,  $\text{Li}_2\text{S-SiS}_2$ , lithium sulfate.

12. (New) A positive electrode material according to claim 1,  
wherein the lithium compound is lithium sulfate.